(b) if so, whether the Delhi High Court had quashed the acquisition order and notification; and

(c) whether Government propose to launch any scheme to promote regulated development and residential building construction on the same land under private individuals, organisations or through cooperative housing societies; if so, the details of the scheme; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Approximately 11,603 acres in 13 villages had been notified for acquisition for planned development of Delhi.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise since the land was not actually acquired.

Atrocities on Harijans in Shiv Puri, Madhya Pradesh

1090. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI :
SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in Shiv Puri district of Madhya Pradesh, the caste Hindus forced the Harijan women to dance naked during the celebrations of 'Holi' festival and committed several other abominable and detestable acts of atrocities on helpless harijans;

(b) if so, what action have been taken by Government in this regard and also in regard to assuring that such atrocities are not committed in future on the depressed classes and weaker sections of the society?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh have reported that on 12-3-1990, an unfortunate incident took place in Salaiya Village of Shivpuri District. In the conflict between Caste Hindus and Scheduled Castes over Holi celebrations, one Shri Giriraj, son of one Shri Gokul Harijan, aged 35 was killed, 27 others including three women and two children were injured, and 31 houses and other properties of the Scheduled Castes were damaged, when the others launched an attack on them. The report however states that the Scheduled Caste women were not forced to dance naked.

(b) A case was registered in the P.S. Dinara on 12-3-1990 under Cr. No. 30/90 under sections 302, 147, 148, 149, 323, 325, 452 IPC, Section 7 of PCR Act 1955, and also Section 3 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989. Out of the 34 persons named in FIR 33 were arrested, and one Sarpanch Shri Kamal Singh Thakur was suspended. All the injured persons were admitted in the Civil Dispensary and those with serious injuries were treated in the District Hospital. Police force was deployed in the village for the security of the villagers. A sum of Rs. 10,000/- was given as relief to the family of the deceased. Minimum relief was given to the other affected families. A sum of Rs. 21,000/- was distributed to the affected families from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

With a view to put an end to the atrocities committed on the Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes, the Government of India has recently enacted a law entitled "the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989" which has come into force with effect from 30th January, 1990. This Act identifies various types of atrocities provides for effective machinery to quickly deal with such cases, such as Special courts and Special Public Prosecutors, and provides for stringent punishment to persons committing atrocities against the SCs & STs. The State Governments have also been advised to provide exclusive Special Courts in specified areas, prone to large scale and serious crimes on the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Compensation paid to victims of rail accidents

1091. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of compensation that is being paid to the Kith and Kin of a Railway passenger who dies in a Railway accident;

(b) the amount of compensation that is being paid to a person who receives injuries and gets disabled in a Railway accident; and

(c) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to increase those amounts of compensation in view of the increasing cost of living?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The amount of compensation that is awarded to the independents of the deceased, and injured passengers in an accident to the passenger carrying train in which they are travelling, by the Railway Claims